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(U) Per reftel, Econoff met with Vice Minister of Commerce Bruno Hug Belmont, the Certifying Authority that issues the Certificates of Quota Edibility (CQEs), April 9 regarding the U.S. World Trade Organization (WTO) raw sugar tariff rate quota (TRQ) for Paraguay. Belmont said that Paraguay plans to use and ship the full TRQ allocation of 7,258 metric tons of raw cane sugar to the U.S. by September 30, 2009. Belmont explained that Paraguay could supply additional raw sugar above the TRQ amount, noting that the expected raw sugar production for the remainder of 2009 is approximately 86,000 metric tons.

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